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Applicant : Mikio Fukumura
App. No : 10/518,437
Filed : December 16, 2004
For : FORM FORMING DIE, AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
FOAM-FORMED ARTICLE USING
THE DIE
Examiner : Joshep S. Leyson
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Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated September 28, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I and Species A (Figures 1 and 2, Claims 1, 2 and 5-8). This election is made without traverse. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: Oct. 26, 2006

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